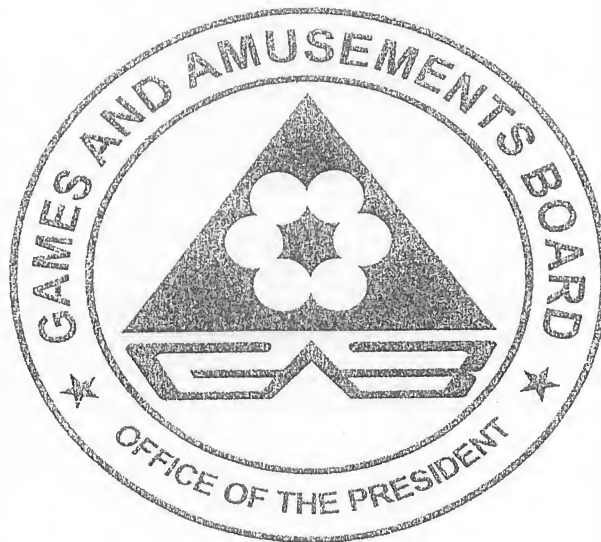


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GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD

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GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD

The Games and Amusements Board (GAB), an agency attached to the Office of the President, is vested with supervisory and regulatory authority over professional sports and games in the Philippines. It was created as part of the government reorganization in 1951 pursuant to Executive Order 392 entitled "Further Reorganizing the Different Executive Departments, Bureaus, Offices, and Agencies of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, Making Certain Readjustments of Personnel and Reallotments of Funds in Connection Therewith, and For Other Purposes."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CY 2016

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS

The Board is composed of Chairman Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra, Commissioner Eduard B. Trinidad and Commissioner Matthew P. Gaston. Through their guidance, the GAB was able to accomplish its target for CY2016 which shall be presented in the preceding portions of this report.

Aside from the targets set forth and approved by the Department of Budget and Management, hereunder are the accomplishments of GAB, to wit:

1. **GAB Anti-Illegal Gambling Consultation Meeting.** On August 3, 2016, the GAB, in coordination with the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), met with the representatives from PAGCOR, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Philippine Racing Commission, National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine National Police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group and Anti-Cybercrime Group at the PAGCOR Office in Manila, to discuss the issues of illegal gambling in the country. Agencies presented their reports and concerns on illegal gambling and assured their full cooperation and support to the government's campaign against illegal gambling.

The GAB-AIGU was created by then President Corazon C. Aquino, through Administrative Order No. 262, series of 1992 and later strengthened by then President Fidel V. Ramos through AO No. 222 s. 1995. GAB-AIGU was specifically created to combat and prevent the existence and proliferation of illegal bookie joints and other illegal forms of organized gambling in professional sports and games. Since the last quarter of 2011, GAB-AIGU was not able to conduct anti-illegal gambling operations up to the present due to non-renewal or non-extension of detail of PNP personnel due to the depleted number of PNP personnel who shall be distributed and deployed to frontline units, leaving GAB-AIGU with its mandate without legal enforcement personnel to properly implement and execute the same.

In November and December 2016, the GAB sent requests to DILG to provide CIDG personnel to assist the GAB in its anti-illegal gambling operations.

In the meantime that no law enforcement personnel are detailed to GAB, any reports of illegal gambling activities received by GAB are being referred to PNP for appropriate action.

2. Dialogues with Boxing Stakeholders

The GAB conducted various dialogues with boxing stakeholders, as follows:

- a. Members of the Association of Philippine Professional Boxing Ring Officials
- b. Ring Officials from Cebu,
- c. Referees and Judges
- d. Promoters, Managers, Trainers and Matchmakers

The purpose of the above meetings/dialogues is to solicit ideas and suggestions on how to improve the state of professional boxing in the country.

3. Posting of GAB programs in GAB website and Facebook account

For transparency purposes, the GAB started posting its programs and activities in its website. The GAB also created its Facebook Account for wider and faster dissemination of information to its stakeholders. Included in the web postings are:

- a. Monthly Ratings of Philippine Boxers (posted one day after the conduct of ratings). To ensure the effectiveness of the Philippine ratings, various boxing stakeholders such as managers, promoters, trainers and matchmakers are invited to participate in the deliberation of boxers to be rated.
- b. Schedule of RP Ratings and OPBF Ratings are likewise announced in the website.
- c. Updates on the amount of collection for the GAB Boxer's Relief Fund and its beneficiaries are also posted.
- d. Ring Officials assigned to officiate in the boxing event including their previous assignments are also announced to monitor and ensure that rotation of duties is properly observed.

4. Video-Recording of Boxing Bouts

Boxing bouts/fights are now being video-recorded by GAB personnel to ensure that review and decision over complaints filed before the GAB regarding a particular fight incident are properly rendered. At the same time, the video is used by GAB to monitor and evaluate the performance of ring officials assigned during the event.

5. Global Commitments

The Philippines, represented by the GAB, is a long-time member of several international professional sports organizations, and as an expression of commitment, the Members of the Board attended the following conventions and world championship fights, as follows:

- a. 54th Annual World Boxing Council (WBC) Convention on December 11-16, 2016 at the Diplomat Resort and Spa in Hollywood, Florida, U.S.A.

The WBC appointed GAB Chairman Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra as International Secretary.

- b. WBO World Welterweight Championship fight between Manny Pacquiao and Jessie Vargas on November 5, 2016 at the Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A.
 - c. 29th Annual World Boxing Organization (WBO) Convention on October 16-22, 2016 at Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
 - d. ASIA MMA Summit on September 21-23, 2016 at Marina Bay Sands in Singapore (Attended by former Members of the Board).
 - e. Convention of the International Boxing Federation (IBF) on May 23-27, 2016 in Beijing, China.
 - f. WBO World Welterweight Championship fight between Manny Pacquiao and Timothy Bradley on April 9, 2016 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A. (Attended by former Members of the Board).
6. Due to sound and competent supervision and regulation of GAB over professional boxing, the Philippines has produced world champions, as follows:
- a. Marlon Tapales - WBO Bantamweight Champion
 - b. Jerwin Ancajas - IBF Junior Bantamweight Champion
 - c. Johnriel Casimero - IBF Flyweight Champion
 - d. Milan Melindo - IBF (Interim) Junior Flyweight Champion
 - e. Manny Pacquiao - WBO Welterweight Champion
7. **Hosting of the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) Annual Convention**

The GAB hosted the OPBF Annual Convention on March 30, 2016 to April 1, 2016 at L'Fisher Hotel in Bacolod City. The convention was attended by industry players such as promoters, managers, boxers and referees from the Philippines, China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Mongolia, New Zealand, Hawaii and other OPBF member countries. World Boxing Council President Mauricio Sulaiman of Mexico also attended the event. Resource speakers from U.S.A. discussed the current trends in boxing, officiating, medical and safety measures and other boxing-related topics.

8. **Other GAB initiatives:**

- a. Adoption of GAB License Renewal System based on Birthdate Starting CY2017.
- b. Meeting with probable sponsors to help the promoters in the staging of boxing promotions.
- c. Meeting with Insurance Companies on the possibility of providing insurance to professional boxers.
- d. Sent a letter to President Rodrigo R. Duterte requesting assistance for the provision of free brain scanning services for Filipino professional boxers in all public hospitals.

Administrative and Finance Division

The Division is in-charge of managing the daily operations and direction over manpower in order to ensure smooth working of the organization. It is also tasked to plan, implement and monitor the existing financial policies to ensure that such policies are attuned with the financial standing of the agency.

Significant matters that were undertaken in CY2016, as far as Administrative and Finance Division is concerned are as follows:

A. CY2016 Budget Utilization

The Division sees to it that programs of revenues and expenditures of the Board are properly mapped out in order to maintain the agency's sound financial position.

The Board's appropriation for CY2016 is as follows:

P/A/P / Allotment Class	Allotment Released	Obligations Incurred	Unobligated Balances
Personnel Services	P52,377,000.00	P52,377,000.00	-
RLIP	5,465,598.00	5,465,598.00	-
Pension and Gratuity Fund	2,409,961.00	2,409,961.00	-
Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund	11,865,147.00	11,865,147.00	-
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	23,065,940.00	23,058,206.22	7,733.78
Capital Outlay	2,076,000.00	1,948,211.20	127,788.80
TOTAL	P97,259,646.00	P97,124,123.42	P135,522.58

B. CY2016 GAB Income

Income realized by this Board amounted to **Seventeen Million Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Pesos and 21/100 (P17,415,753.21)** which added to the coffers of the government for CY2016, with details as follows:

Sources of Income	Amount
License fees	P 3,107,400.00
Permit fees	3,222,300.00
Other Service Income	849,832.73
Fines and Penalties	182,740.00
Registration	128,700.00
3% share on TV coverage	3,161,037.00
3% share on gross gate receipts	6,702,498.43
Total	P 17,415,753.21

C. Personnel Career Development Program-Training Needs Assessment (TNA)

In compliance with the requirement of HRM-PRIME of the Civil Service Commission (CSC), the GAB started disseminating TNA forms to GAB personnel in order to determine what training needs to be developed to help them and the agency accomplish their goals and objectives. The TNA will be implemented in CY2017.

Further, the Board in its effort to enhance the skills, knowledge and improve the level of employees' competency, productivity and efficiency in the delivery of service to the workplace and to its clientele, GAB officials and employees were sent to various trainings and workshops in CY2016, to wit:

1. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) 5

2. AGIA First Forum for Heads of Internal Audit Service/Office
3. CSC Supervisory Development Course Track 1
4. CSC Supervisory Development Course Tracks 2 & 3
5. Participated in the Kabisig Philippine Government Expo and Trade Fair 2016
6. 46th Annual Convention of the Philippine College of Physicians
7. Orientation Workshop on the Implementation of the National Anti-Drug Plan of Action
8. Seminar on Productivity and Collaboration for the Government Agency
9. CSC Enhanced Training on Appointments Preparation
10. 47th Annual Convention of the Philippine Heart Association
11. Asian Center for Legal Excellence (ACLEX) Seminar
12. PAGBA Quarterly Seminar and Meeting
13. ISO QMS Orientation
14. ISO QMS Foundation Course
15. ISO QMS Documentation Requirements Training Course
16. MCLE Series 3 Seminar by the Asian Center for Legal Excellence, Inc
17. Government Association of Certified Public Accountants Conference-Seminar
18. Public Consultation on Platform-related Policies of the iGovPhil Project
19. Seminar on ISO-Compliant Records Management Processes and Control
20. PS-Philgeps Cybersecurity Summit 2016
21. iGovPhil National Government Portal Orientation
22. Freedom of Information and Open Data Workshop
23. 2016 Luzon Convention of Human Resource Management Practitioners
24. PAGBA 2nd Quarter Seminar and Meeting
25. 33rd Annual Convention of Diabetes Philippines
26. Orientation on the Rules Governing Security of Classified Matter in Government
27. DBM Training Session for Unified Reporting System
28. DAP Modernizing Government Regulations Program

Personnel Complement of GAB as of December 31, 2016

Filled up positions	-	152
Unfilled positions	-	<u>9</u>
Total Plantilla Positions	-	161

D. GAB's Medical Section

The Medical Section, which is under the Administrative and Finance Division, has the primordial function of ensuring that players, competitors, or participants in any professional game, sports or tournament are fit and well enough to meet the physical exigencies of the competition. At the same time, the section internally attends to the health needs of the officials and employees of this Board.

The Medical Section issues clearance whether a player is to be given a license or not to participate in a specific professional competition. The attendance of the medical officer in the international and local convention, particularly in boxing helped tremendously in updating the latest boxing medicine practices and findings.

The activities of the GAB's Medical Section in CY 2016 are as follows:

1. Medical Supervision of Boxing/MMA promotions	
a. Out of Town	29
b. Metro Manila	37
2. Medical Evaluation/Approval of applications for license	
a. Boxing licensees	667
b. Mixed Martial Arts	207
c. Professional Basketball	419
d. Golf (Touring & Teaching Pro)	34
e. Billiards	65
f. Jai-alai	65
g. Verified applications from Horseracing	702
3. Verified License applications from Field Offices.....	324
4. Pre-fight and Post-bout medical examinations done on boxers and fighters	998
5. Medical clearance of boxers fighting abroad	292
6. Medical Consultation on GAB employees	588
7. Medical evaluation of Boxing and MMA Fight Cards..	1,574

E. Establishment of GAB Quality Management System (QMS)

In compliance with the directive to institutionalize the QMS in all offices of the government, the GAB started the process of establishing its QMS in CY2016. The GAB sought the assistance of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) on the conduct of various trainings. In August 2016, GAB officials and employees attended the QMS Orientation, QMS Foundation Course and QMS Documentation Requirements Training Course at the Asian Institute of Management.

F. Good Governance Conditions/Transparency Seal

In compliance with the Good Governance Condition and Transparency Seal provision of Memorandum Circular No. 2016-1, dated May 12, 2016, under Executive Order (EO) No. 80 and EO No. 201, the GAB accomplished the following:

1. Maintaining/Updating of the GAB Transparency Seal in the GAB website
2. Maintaining/Updating of the Philgeps Posting of procurement activities of GAB
3. Maintaining/Updating of the GAB Citizen's Charter
4. Posting of Guidelines on System of Rating and Ranking
5. Adoption and submission of Agency Procurement Compliance and Performance Indicator (APCPI) System to Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB)
6. Submission of Agency Procurement Plan to GPPB and posting in the GAB website
7. Establishment of GAB ISO-aligned documentation for one core process as evidenced by the presence of the following in the GAB Transparency Seal:
 - a) Approved Quality Manual
 - b) Approved Procedures and Work Instructions Manual including Forms
8. Compliance to Public Financial Management reporting requirements of the COA and the DBM, such as:
 - a) Budget and Financial Accountability Reports
 - b) Report on Ageing of Cash Advances
 - c) COA Financial Reports

Note: The Result of validation of Good Governance Condition, and List of Other Executive Offices with Deficiencies on Transparency Seal Requirement issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information and Monitoring Systems on January 30, 2017, shows that the GAB is already compliant with all the requirements.

G. Compliance to Treasury Single Account (TSA)

In compliance with the requirement of TSA, the GAB caused the withdrawal and closure of the following special accounts maintained with the Philippine Veterans Bank and transferred the same to the Bureau of the Treasury on July 15, 2016, to wit:

1. GAB Boxers Relief Fund
2. MMA Fighters Welfare Fund
3. GAB Boxing Development Fund
4. Performance Bond

Legal Division

The Legal Division is in-charge of pursuing cases or complaints against any player or athlete or official in professional sports and games who may be found guilty of violating of the Board's applicable laws, rules and regulations. The division also puts resolution to cases of erring employees within the organization.

Below are cases filed for CY2016 and attended by the Division and its corresponding status:

1. Case No. 01-09, In Re: Complaint of Boxing Manager Bernard Yu vs Boxer Aljun Morano. Resolution issued.
2. Case No. 08-09, In Re: Complaint against Pederito Laurente for Violation of Affidavit of Undertaking. Resolution issued.
3. Case No. 01-12, In Re: Letter-Complaint of MMA Promoter Alvin Aguilar against fighter Eric Kelly. Resolution issued.
4. Case No. 08-12, In Re: Wilfredo T. Ariscon, Jr. vs. Dennis Tubieron. Resolution issued.
5. Case No. 10-12, In Re: Complaint of Boxing Manager Elmer Anuran against Boxer Roberto Gonzales. Resolution issued.
6. Case No. 06-13, In Re: Motu Proprio Complaint vs. Rollen Del Castillo. Resolution issued.
7. Case No. 15-13, Johnny Elorde vs Jimmy Masangkay. Resolution issued.
8. Case No. 05-14, Jesebelle Pagaduan vs Juan Monis. Resolution issued.
9. Case No. 03-15, Jayson Nicart vs Yolanda Alfante. Order issued blacklisting respondents for their failure to file their respective answers.
10. Case No. 12-15, Jonel Dapidran, et. al. vs. Raides Neri. Order issued directing respondent to submit his answer.
11. Case No. 01-16, In Re: Letter-Complaint of Julius Bala against Boxing Manager Fernando Alvarez. Order issued resetting the case for the Clarificatory Hearing.
12. Case No. 10-15, In Re: Letter-Complaint of Eden Sonsona against Boxing Manager Fernando Alvarez. Order issued resetting the case for the Clarificatory Hearing and directing the respondent to submit his answer under oath.
13. Case No. 06-11, In Re: Application of permit to operate Jai-Alai Games within the CSEZFP and other authorized areas. Order issued for extension of provisional authority of MVGC until October 31, 2016.
14. Case No. 12-14, In Re: Unauthorized fight abroad of Roberto Rubillar. Resolution issued.
15. Case No. 06-16, In Re: Motu Proprio Complaint against Moralie Llagas, Adonis Llagas and Reneboy Llagas for Tampering of Official Boxing Record. Order issued directing the respondents to submit their Counter Affidavit.
16. Case No. 02-16, In Re: Letter of Complaint of Boxer Jelbirt M. Gomera against Boxing Manager Brian Golingán. Final resolution issued.
17. Case No. 10-15, In Re: Letter-Complaint of Boxer Eden Sonsona against Boxing Manager Fernando Alvarez. Final resolution issued.
18. Case No. 03-16, In Re: Unauthorized Fight Abroad of Boxers Jonel Borbon, Arnold Garcia, Gilbert Donasales, Arben Escayo and Krisna Limbaga. Final resolution issued.
19. Case No. 04-16, Motu Proprio Complaint Re: Conduct Unbecoming of against Boxer Ardie Boyose. Memorandum issued.
20. Case No. 05-16, In Re: Letter-Complaint of Boxer Jeronil Borres against Boxing Manager Charlemagne Marban III.
 - a. Order issued resetting the case for a Clarificatory Hearing as requested by the respondent.
 - b. Hearing conducted.
21. Case No. 07-16, In Re: Letter-Complaint of Boxer Alie P. Laurel against Boxing Manager Ailenn Syskowski.
 - a. Order issued setting the case for clarificatory conference.
 - b. Hearing conducted at GAB Legal Division.
 - c. Order issued setting the case for another clarificatory conference.

22. Case No. 14-12, In Re: Letter-Complaint of Beara Abear, et. Al. versus Randy Suico. Order issued directing the complainants to submit their answer under oath.
23. Permit, In Re: Application for permit to livestream/broadcast cockfighting. Extension of authority of Meridien Vista Gaming Corporation to livestream until August 31, 2017.
24. Case No. 12-12, In Re: Complainant Renerio Arizala versus respondent Noel Deyto. Resolution issued.
25. Case No. 24-13, In Re: Complainants Gerpaul Valero and Ardie Boyose versus Respondent Akira Sato. Resolution issued.
26. Case No. 17-13, In Re: Complaint of Annaliza L. Morillos. Resolution issued.
27. Case No. 07-14, In Re: Complainant Hitoshi Misako versus Respondents Samson Gello-ani & Adones Cabalquinto. Order issued directing the complainant to submit his complaint under oath.
28. Case No. 16-13, In Re: Complaint of Randy Suico against Galaxy Boxing Promotion for Collection of Boxer's Purse. Resolution issued.
29. Case No. 04-12, In Re: Complaint of Boxer Jaypee Otila against Matchmaker Ronald Jerez. Resolution issued.
30. Case No. 09-15, In re: Pio B. Castillo, Jr. versus Samson G. Gello-ani and John Reil Casimiro. Order issued directing complainant's representatives to file an amended complaint under oath.

The Legal Division also assisted the Board in the following:

1. PAGCOR/PNP/PCSO/NBI/GAB Anti-Illegal Gambling Meeting on August 3, 2016.
2. Committee Briefing of the Senate Committee on Sports on August 16, 2016.
3. Organizational Meeting of the Senate Committee on Sports on August 24, 2016.
4. Senate Hearing on the Creation of the Philippine Boxing Commission on August 26, 2016.
5. Committee Hearing of the Senate Committee on Sports on August 30, 2016 and September 8, 2016.
6. Technical Working Group Meeting of the Committee on Sports at the Senate of the Philippines on September 27, 2016.
7. PHILRACOM Meeting on August 2, 2016 and September 29, 2016.
8. PAGCOR Meeting on October 5, 2016.
9. Committee on Games and Amusements meeting of the House of Representatives on October 6, 2016.
10. Meeting with the Manila Jockey Club, Inc. on October 12, 2016.
11. Congress Hearing at the House of Representatives on November 14, 2016.
12. Meeting with the Department of Interior and Local Government on November 21, 2016.
13. National Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Meeting on December 6, 9 and 22, 2016.

Professional Basketball and Other Pro-Games Division

The sport of professional basketball was included in the regulatory and supervisory powers and functions of the GAB with the issuance of Presidential Decree No. 871, dated January 6, 1976, entitled "Placing Professional Basketball Games and Other Professional Games under the supervision and Regulation of the Games and Amusements Board."

Currently, the GAB Professional Basketball and Other Pro-Games Division also supervises the sports of billiards, cycling, golf, tennis and cockfighting (international derby).

For Professional Basketball and Other Pro-Games Division, actual number of license application from professional sports practitioners for the period January to December 2016 was lower by 2% at 1,160 compared to 1,189 of CY2015. This can be attributed to the decline in the number of applicants for billiards, golf and tennis. On the other hand, the permit application was higher by 7% at 427 compared to 399 of CY2015, due to the increase in all sports promotions except billiards and tennis. The results may be considered demand driven since GAB has no control over its outcome.

Comparative number of license and permit issuances for CY 2016 and CY2015 are detailed as follows:

SPORTS	LICENSES		Remarks	PERMITS		Remarks
	CY2015	CY2016		CY2015	CY2016	
Basketball	551	586	↑6%	245	262	↑7%
Billiards	98	79	↓19%	10	9	↓1%
Cockfighting	167	183	↑9%	20	25	↑25%
Cycling	110	108	↓1.8%	15	19	↑26%
Golf	216	204	↓5.5%	108	112	↑4%
Tennis	47	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL	1,189	1,160	↓2%	399	427	↑7%

Other accomplishments:

1. Collected the amount of P9,863,535.43 from 3% share of GAB on gross gate receipts and TV coverage, broken down as follows:
3% share on gross gate receipts - 6,465,477.79
3% share on TV coverage - 3,061,596.00
2. Collected derby assessment fees amounting to P514,500.
3. Processed and issued 108 Authorization for billiard players to compete abroad.
4. Supervised 4,133 professional sports events, the details of which are as follows:

Basketball	-	262
Billiards	-	128
Golf	-	2,009
Cycling	-	19
Cockfighting	-	1,715

Boxing and Other Contact Sports Division

Pursuant to the powers vested on the Games and Amusements Board under Section 7 of Executive Order 392, s. 1950 in connection with Executive Order No. 120, series of 1948, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 871, the rules and regulations issued and adopted by the Board with subsequent amendments shall apply to Philippine Professional Boxing.

In the exercise of the functions bestowed to the above division, the following are their accomplishments, to wit:

SPORTS	LICENSES		Remarks	PERMITS		Remarks
	CY2015	CY2016		CY2015	CY2016	
Boxing	1,198	1,174	↓2%	138	132	↓4%
MMA	229	242	↑6%	11	14	↑27%
Muay Thai	4	5	↑0.8%			
TOTAL	1,431	1,421	↓0.7%	149	146	↓2%

Note: As can be gleaned above, the actual number of license application from professional sports practitioners for the period January to December 2016 was lower by 0.7% at 1,421 compared to CY2015's 1,431, due to the decline in the number of applicants for boxing. Likewise, permit application was lower by 2% at 146 compared to 149 of CY2015. The results may also be considered demand driven and GAB has no control over its outcome.

Other accomplishments:

1. Collected the amount of P336,461.64 from 3% share of GAB on gross gate receipts and TV coverage, broken down as follows:
 - 3% share on gross gate receipts - 237,020.64
 - 3% share on TV coverage - 99,441.00
2. Processed and issued a total of 292 "Letter of Authority" to fight and/or train abroad.
2. Supervised 906 bouts/fights in the country.
3. Assisted the Board in the following:
 - a. Committee Briefing of the Senate Committee on Sports on August 16, 2016.
 - b. Organizational Meeting of the Senate Committee on Sports on August 24, 2016.
 - c. Senate Hearing on the Creation of the Philippine Boxing Commission on August 26, 2016.
 - d. Committee Hearing of the Senate Committee on Sports on August 30, 2016 and September 8, 2016.
 - e. Technical Working Group Meeting of the Committee on Sports at the Senate of the Philippines on September 27, 2016.

Horseracing Betting Supervision Division

Republic Act No. 309 entitled "An Act to Regulate Horse Racing in the Philippines," date June 18, 1948 and its various amendments were the original foundation of GAB's power of supervision over horseracing. Under the said law, the Board was vested with the exclusive authority to supervise and regulate all aspects of the sport, most important of which, were the issuance of permits to hold races to the racing clubs, licensing of jockeys, race officials, and management of wager bets. With its broad power, the GAB has the power to suspend and revoke permits and licenses for cause, conduct investigation and meted out appropriate penalties to erring licensees.

Presidential Decree No. 420 dated March 20, 1974 otherwise known as the decree "Creating the Philippine Racing Commission," divided the jurisdiction over horse racing between the Philippine Racing Commission and the Games and Amusements Board. The former over the sports aspect and the latter over the betting aspect.

The primary role and functions of GAB are the following:

1. To protect the interest of the betting public and other beneficiaries of horse racing.
To give them fair and honest betting, free from anomalies and irregularities.
2. To check and verify ticket sales report, compute dividends and determines the shares of the various entities entitled in the gross wager funds, more so the shares and taxes that are due to the government.

Government Shares

In the exercise of the above functions, the Horseracing Betting Supervision Division recorded a total gross sale of **P7,218,747,332.00** in CY2016. Derived from these total gross sale is the government share amounting to **P1,060,832,836.77**, which is broken down as follows:

Philracom Shares	60,926,815.31
GAB Shares	117,330.98
Tax on Winnings	334,156,677.43
Science & Documentary Stamp	659,032,622.00
Philracom Shares (from breakage)	6,559,391.05
TOTAL	1,060,832,836.77

Other accomplishments:

1. Issued a total of 686 licenses (2% higher than CY2015's 671)
2. Issued 769 permits to operate off track betting stations. (6% lower than 818 of CY2015).
3. Supervised, examined and verified 23,414 betting events.

Jai-Alai (Basque Pelota) Operations

The GAB Jai-Alai AD HOC Committee was created in 2011 and composed of organic personnel of GAB specifically tasked to monitor the Jai-Alai activities and games and conduct ocular inspection on Jai-Alai facilities in Sta. Ana, Cagayan operated by Meridien Vista Gaming Corporation (MVGC).

The accomplishments of the Jai-Alai Ad Hoc Committee in CY2016 are as follows:

Licenses issued	-	65
Permits Issued	-	359

The income collected in the supervision and regulation of jai-alai games amounted to P1,421,900.00, broken down as follows:

Permit fees	-	P1,256,500.00
License fees	-	165,400.00

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